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The Ambassador met January 12 with Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Nguyen Duc Hung, and delivered reftel talking points. AFM Hung did not provide specific responses to the Ambassador's points, but said he would ensure that they are raised with Foreign Minister Nguyen Dzy Nien as soon as possible. The Ambassador noted that Vietnam's effort to secure a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council in 2008 makes the issue of UN reform very important for Vietnam. If Vietnam anticipates exercising its leadership as a UNSC member, it should also be ready to support the reform of the organization.

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